

**TO:** J. Sean McKnight, PE, KTP Director  
**FROM:** Sterling Gologergen, Regional Transportation Planner  
**RE:** Trip Report, Travel to Shaktoolik March 17 - 18, 2009  
**DATE:** March 20, 2009

I traveled to Shaktoolik on March 16 & returned on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I left at 9:30am, arrived Shaktoolik at 11:00am. Following is a summary trip report:

**Purpose of Travel:** I received a letter from IRA President, Simon Bekoalak requesting my travel there to speak at their 2009 Annual Membership Meeting on March 17, 2009. (Attached).

Upon arrival, I went to the IRA office & met with Simon Bekoalak (IRA President) & Karlene (TC). I also met with Michael Sookiayak, the grantwriter. They gave me an update of the community's efforts to work with various agencies to address erosion/mitigation issues. Michael will provide KTP a written report for the work done at the local level by the Shaktoolik Mitigation/Erosion Advisory Committee which was formed last year.

**Notes from Annual Meeting:** *(I have listed only the ones relevant to KTP)*

- I gave an overview of KTP and a statement (per Simon's request) about the importance of maintaining their cultural values and incorporating their community resources for successful project outcomes. I also gave a brief report of Steve Ivanoff's report of his work on behalf of Shaktoolik on the IAWG, Denali Commission in advocating for erosion/mitigation/relocation issues.
- Sean gave a presentation of KTP's projects for Shaktoolik. He gave an update of project status (meeting with Denali Commission w/CSD VP at Vancouver), the importance of deciding if the community wants to go with relocation. The community needs to decide what their purpose and need is. *KTP will have Steve Ivanoff conduct a community survey at Shaktoolik.* Simon Bekoalak stated that they have documents dating back from 2004 for erosion issues, which he will make available to KTP.
- NSHC – As part of her presentation, Helen Pootoogooluk reported that the Shaktoolik health clinic grant application to Denali Commission is delayed due to evacuation issues, such as foundation design.
- Michael Sookiayak – As part of his report as Shaktoolik grantwriter, he reported that he is writing a grant for a Evacuation Shelter/Community Center, using Core Climate Research Center's sustainable design template.
- Simon Bekoalak – As part of his report as IRA President, Simon reported that IRA staff attended a evacuation and sheltering training, to include how to recoup costs after an actual evacuation. He also stated that the City of Nome's evacuation plan has been very valuable to them in drafting one for Shaktoolik.

3/18/09: Per Sean, I provided technical assistance to IRA KTP Annual Maintenance close-out and re-apply. I left Shaktoolik at 3:30pm and arrived back to Nome at 5:00pm.